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SUBJECT: EC DECLARATION ON MIDDLE EAST

REF: BRUSSELS 6275

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A STATEMENT ISSUED BY SIR ALEC DOUGLAS-HOME, BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY, AT BRUSSELS ON NOVEMBER 6 IN CONNECTION WITH THE DECLARATION ON THE MIDDLE EAST ISSUED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES EARLIER TODAY.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE STATEMENT ON THE MIDDLE EAST WHICH THE UNCLASSIFIED

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NINE FOREIGN MINISTERS AGREED THIS MORNING SETS OUT IN SOME

DETAIL THE VIEWS OF THE NINE COUNTRIES OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY TOWARDS THIS VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM. IT REPRESENTS ANOTHER IMPORTANT STEP IN THE PROCESS OF INVOLVING COMMON ATTITUDES TOWARDS MAJOR INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS AND THUS A COMMON FOREIGN POLICY.

3. AS REGARDS THE SUBSTANCE OF THE STATEMENT, I DO NOT WANT TO ELABORATE ON IT SINCE IT REPRESENTS OUR AGREED DECISION AND SHOULD STAND ON ITS OWN. THE ONLY POINT THAT I WANT TO EMPHASIZE IS THAT IT ADDRESSES ITSELF TO THE ONE BASIC ESSENTIAL, WHICH IS TO GET AS SOON AS POSSIBLE A JUST AND LASTING SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IT DEALS BOTH WITH THE SHORT-TERM ISSUES AND WITH THE LONGER TERM SETTLEMENT.

4. WE CAN COUNT THIS AGREED STATEMENT AS THE THIRD SUCCESS FOR THE PROCESS OF POLITICAL CONSULTATION OF THE NINE. THE FIRST WAS IN THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE WHEN WE WERE WORKING TOGETHER IN RELATION TO THE SOVIET UNION AND EASTERN EUROPE. THE SECOND WAS THE AGREEMENT AT THE COPENHAGEN MEETING WHEN WE ADOPTED A COMMON POSITION IN RELATION TO THE UNITED STATES; AND NOW THE THIRD WHICH IS THIS AGREED STATEMENT ON THE MIDDLE EAST. END TEXT.

5. DEPARTMENT PASS SECRETARY AND OTHER POSTS AS APPROPRIATE. STRAUSSZ-HUPE

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